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FOR ASST SEC HABIB AND AMB SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KOREA IN 29TH GA: SCALI-KIM CONVERSATION DEC 10

1. AMB SCALI TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTER KIM MID-AFTERNOON DEC 10, JUST BEFORE KIM'S DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. AFTER EXCHANGES OF CONGRATULATIONS ON OUTCOME OF FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, AMB SCALI DEVOTED REMAINING MINUTES OF TELECON TO STRESSING HOPE THAT KOREAN MISSION HERE WOULD BE PREPARED, AS WE WOULD BE, TO APPROACH WITH NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY COMPLEX DEC 17 PLENARY VOTE.

2. SCALI SPOKE OF SHARED DESIRE TO CONSOLIDATE VICTORY
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ALREADY ACHIEVED, BUT HE UNDERLINED FOR FONMIN KIM OUR

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BELIEF THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CLEARLY REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY FOR ADOPTION. BOTH WE AND ROK, ON FURTHER STUDY, MIGHT SHARE CONVICTION ALSO THAT IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST, SCALI SAID, TO ENSURE THAT SUCH RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO PEACE AND SECURITY ARE SUBJECT TO TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT.

3. SCALI NOTED THAT WE COULD NOT RULE OUT ATTEMPT BY HOSTILE COSPONSORS TO AMEND OUR RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES OR TO MAKE OTHER HARMFUL MANEUVERS FROM FLOOR THAT MIGHT OBTAIN WIDE SUPPORT. SCALI REASSURED KIM THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE WORKING FULL BLAST WITH ROK AND ALLIES HERE TO MAINTAINING POSITIONS ON BILATERAL AND ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. HE DREW TO FONMIN'S ATTENTION FACT THAT OTHERS UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE CONSENSUS COMPROMISE EFFORTS. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, SCALI SAID, WE AND ROK WOULD HAVE TO BE FLEXIBLE TO COPE QUICKLY IF NEED BE WITH UNPREDICTABLE SITUATIONS. HE CONFIRMED, IN RESPONSE TO KIM'S STATEMENT, THAT OF COURSE WE WOULD BE FIRM IN ENSURING THAT NO ACTIONS ARE TAKEN IN PLENARY THAT WOULD BE OUTSIDE "BASIC FRAMEWORK" OF CURRENT ROK-US POSITIONS.

5. COMMENT: (A) FROM THIS CONVERSATION, WE HAD IMPRESSION THAT KIM BELIEVED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE ONLY SIMPLE MAJORITY. WE ASSUME THAT HE WILL HAVE EXPLORED THIS QUESTION MORE FULLY WITH AMB PARK BEFORE MEETING DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND ASSISTANT BUFFUM IN WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BUFFUM TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION WITH KIM DURING DEC 11 MEETING WITH KIM.

(B) CONTENT OF SCALI'S MESSAGE TO KIM WAS PROMPTED IN PART BY OUR LEARNING FROM ROK MISSION STAFF THAT KIM INCLINED TOWARD INSISTING, IN INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE, THAT ROK AND COSPONSORS GO ALL OUT TO ENSURE FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED INTACT. WE REMAIN APPRE-
HENSIVE THAT IF KIM IS EITHER EN ROUTE TO OR IN SEOUL, ROK AMB PARK'S ABILITY (WITHIN KIM'S RESTRICTIONS) TO COPE WITH NEXT STAGE OF KOREA QUESTION WOULD BE GREATLY HANDICAPPED AND OUR OWN INTERESTS THEREBY BADLY SERVED. WE SHARE ROK CONFIDENTIAL

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MISSION WORKING LEVEL VIEW THAT I WOULD BE BEST THAT KIM EITHER REMAIN IN WASHINGTON OR RETURN TO NEW YORK UNTIL FINAL PLENARY ACTION IS TAKEN.
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